reviewed the likely capacity addition during 11th Plan after meeting with project developers. Based on the inputs provided by the project developers and suppliers, CEA has assessed that a total capacity of 62,374 MW is likely to be commissioned with high level of certainty during 11th Plan. In addition, projects aggregating 12,590 MW are being attempted for commissioning on best efforts basis during the 11th Plan.

(c) The report of Economic Advisory Council (EAC), *inter-alia* brings out the following:

Government has the largest role to play in the electricity sector, being the dominant producer with a virtual monopoly on the transmission side and also on the distribution side through State Government utilities. Thus, without a high order of government intervention in capacity creation and other supportive components of the electricity business, we will not be able to make the necessary improvements in the electricity sector which is so vital for the economy to maintain a high rate of growth of 8 to 9 percent. It is equally important to facilitate and encourage more private investment in power generation.

(d) Several measures have been initiated by the Government to address the issue of power shortage and facilitate private investment. These include 100% FDI on automatic route in respect of projects relating to electricity generation, transmission and distribution; close and comprehensive monitoring of power projects under construction; initiative for facilitating the development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of about 4000 MW capacity each under the tariff based competitive bidding route using super critical technology; institution of an award scheme for early completion of power projects; stress on augmentation of manufacturing capacity of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, and liberalization of Mega Power Policy.

Popularisation of energy efficiency

3511. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of an article captioned 'Energizing Kids to Conserve Energy', appearing in November, 2009 issue of Business at Zero Hour;

(b) if so, what is the response of the painting competition scheme launched by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) for children; and

(c) whether BEE proposes to launch similar scheme in various colleges and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Ministry of Power, Government of India initiated the national painting competition since 2005 for children. Children of Class IV, V and VI are eligible to participate in this competition. The

objective of the competition is to sensitize the children, their teachers and parents in order to influence their opinions at a very early stage in favour of energy efficiency and conservation. The response of the competition has been increasing as indicated below:

Year of Painting Competition	No. of Schools	No. of Children (in Lakhs)	No. of Winners
2005	17,560	3.43	10
2006	17,991	3.99	11
2007	24,385	5.25	23
2008	25,375	6.96	23
2009	40,814	9.12	23

(c) There is no such proposal at present because the painting competition is aimed at moulding the opinion of young children during their formative years.

Overdrawal of power

3512. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States are drawing more than their allocated quota from the regional and national power grids;

(b) if so, the position during October-December, 2008 and January-May, 2009, State-wise;

(c) whether this overdrawal of power by State Electricity Boards is being diverted to rural areas which continue to face acute shortage of power;

(d) what additional capacity of power generation has been planned for 2009; and

(e) whether this additional power would be dedicated to rural agriculture and agro based industries so that poor and marginal farmers get maximum relief?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes Sir, some of the states do overdraw more their allocated quota from the regional and national grids.

(b) State-wise details of schedule for drawal and actual drawal as well as under-drawal / over drawal during October to December, 2008 and January to May, 2009 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The supply and distribution of power to various areas within a State comes under the purview of concerned State Government/Power Utilities and they decide the priorities for supply. No specific information in regard to supply of power by them to rural and urban areas in general and diversion of power over-drawn from the grid to the rural areas in particular is available with the Government.